

## CALLING LINE AUTHENTICATION METHOD AND SYSTEM

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A calling line authentication system and method are disclosed. The  
5 system comprises a communication network and a key server. The  
communication network receives a telephone number signal from a calling  
source attempting to access a secured service of a calling destination. The  
communication network identifies a directory number representative of the  
calling source and provides an authentication key to the key server when the  
10 directory number is one of a list of authorized directory numbers stored within  
the communication network. The key server provides the authentication key  
to the calling destination as an indication that the calling source has  
authorization for access to the secured service.

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